

THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A system supporting exchange of media, said system comprising:

a first television display in a first home;

a first storage in the first home that stores the media; the first storage supporting consumption of the media by the first television display in the first home, and having a first network address with respect to a first user in the first home;

a second television display in a second home;

a second storage supporting consumption of the media by the second television display in the second home, and having a second network address with respect to a second user in the second home, wherein the second user is known to the first user;

a communication network; and

server software that maintains a user defined association of the first and second network addresses and that receives a request that identifies one of the associated first and second network addresses and responds by identifying the other of the associated first and second network addresses to support delivery via the communication network of the media from the first storage to the second home for consumption by the second television display.

2. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the first and second network addresses are one of an Internet protocol (IP) address, a media access control (MAC) address, or an electronic serial number (ESN).

3. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the communication network comprises one or more of a cable infrastructure, a satellite network infrastructure, a digital subscriber line (DSL) infrastructure, an Internet infrastructure, an intranet infrastructure, a wired infrastructure, and/or a wireless infrastructure.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the communication network is the Internet.

5. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the media comprises one or more of audio, a still image, video, and/or data.

6. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the media comprises real-time video.

7. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein consumption comprises one or more of playing audio, displaying a still image, displaying video, and/or displaying data.

8. (Currently amended) A system supporting exchange of media, said system comprising:

a first storage in a first home that stores the media, and having a first protocol address with respect to a first user in the first home;

a television display in a second home, and having a second protocol address with respect to a second user in the second home, wherein the second user is known to the first user;

set top box circuitry, in the first home, communicatively coupled to deliver the media from the first storage to the television display for consumption;

a communication network; and

server software that maintains a user defined association of the first and second protocol addresses and that receives a request that identifies one of the associated first and second protocol addresses and responds by identifying the other of the associated first and second protocol addresses to support delivery via the communication network of the media from the first storage to the second television display for consumption.

9. (Previously presented) The system of claim 8 wherein the media comprises one or more of audio, a still image, video, and/or data.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9 wherein the media comprises real-time video.

11. (Previously presented) The system of claim 8 wherein the first and second protocol addresses are one of an Internet protocol (IP) address, a media access control (MAC) address, or an electronic serial number (ESN).

12. (Previously presented) The system of claim 8 wherein consumption comprises one or more of playing audio, displaying a still image, displaying video, and/or displaying data.

13. (Previously presented) The system of claim 8 wherein the communication network comprises one or more of a cable infrastructure, a satellite network infrastructure, a digital subscriber line (DSL) infrastructure, an Internet infrastructure, an intranet infrastructure, a wired infrastructure, and/or a wireless infrastructure.

14. (Original) The system of claim 8 wherein the communication network is the Internet.

15. (Original) The system of claim 8 wherein the server software supports anonymous media exchange.

16. (Original) The system of claim 8 wherein the server software forwards media from the first storage to the second television display.

17. (Original) The system of claim 8 wherein the server software is at a location separate from the first home and the second home.

18. (Previously presented) A system supporting exchange of media, said system comprising:

a first storage in a first home that stores the media;
a television display in a second home;

set top box circuitry, in the first home, communicatively coupled to deliver the media from the first storage to the television display for consumption;

a closed and secure communication network, wherein the media is delivered from the first storage to the television display via the closed and secure communication network; and

server software that coordinates delivery of the media from the first storage to the set top box circuitry.

19. (Previously presented) The system of claim 18 wherein the media comprises one or more of audio, a still image, video, and/or data.

20. (Original) The system of claim 19 wherein the media comprises real-time video.

21. (Previously presented) The system of claim 18 wherein consumption comprises one or more of playing audio, displaying a still image, displaying video, and/or displaying data.

22. (Previously presented) The system of claim 18 wherein the communication network comprises one or more of a cable infrastructure, a satellite network infrastructure, a digital subscriber line (DSL) infrastructure, an Internet infrastructure, an intranet infrastructure, a wired infrastructure, and/or a wireless infrastructure.

23. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the communication network is the Internet.

24. (Original) The system of claim 18 wherein the server software supports anonymous media exchange.

25. (Currently amended) A system supporting exchange of media, said system comprising:

set top box circuitry, in a first home, communicatively coupled to deliver the media from a first storage at the first home, to a television display at a second home; and

software that maintains a user defined association of first and second network addresses with respect to first and second users, respectively, in the first and second homes, respectively, wherein the first and second users know one another, the software and that receives a request that identifies one of the associated first or second network addresses and responds by identifying the other of the associated first or second network addresses to support delivery via a communication network of media from the first storage in the first home to the television display in the second home.

26. (Previously presented) The system of claim 25 wherein the first and second network addresses are one of an Internet protocol (IP) address, a media access control (MAC) address, or an electronic serial number (ESN).

27. (Previously presented) The system of claim 25 wherein the communication network comprises one or more of a cable infrastructure, a satellite network infrastructure, a

digital subscriber line (DSL) infrastructure, an Internet infrastructure, an intranet infrastructure, a wired infrastructure, and/or a wireless infrastructure.

28. (Previously presented) The system of claim 25 wherein the communication network is the Internet.

29. (Previously presented) The system of claim 25 wherein the media comprises one or more of audio, a still image, video, and/or data.

30. (Previously presented) The system of claim 25 wherein the media comprises real-time video.

31. (Previously presented) The system of claim 25 wherein consumption comprises one or more of playing audio, displaying a still image, displaying video, and/or displaying data.